

Commissioners:

I am an amateur radio operator, have been for forty years, and have held an extra class license for nigh on thirty. I find the petition by Robert G. Rightsell, AE4FA and Harry A.M. Kholer, N0PU, to continue Morse testing but give applicants up to 24 points of exam credit according to their success on Element 1 confusing. The final exam score would be the sum of earned Element 1 points and the written test score for a possible total of 100 points. I think it would be simpler to keep the two tests separate, and I do not see what would be gained by merging them.

Their request of the FCC to consolidate the Novice & Technician and the Advanced & Amateur Extra licenses is superfluous. How can we keep track of still more changes?

As for boosting the number and range of written test questions and giving new Technicians CW and data privileges, yes and no. Right now a determined person can memorize the published answer list and pass the test without truly understanding radio theory. This should not be. Make the test a little harder and they cannot do that. As for granting more privileges to Technicians, that is what the other license classes are for.

I ask the FCC to rule against RM-10807 except for making the tests harder to fake a passing score on.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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